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SUBJECT: FRG-SOVIET EXCHANGE OF MILITARY ATTACHES

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1. AT THE JULY 17 BONN GROUP MEETING THE FONOFF REP (BLECH) REPORTED THAT THE SOVIETS HAVE PROPOSED AN EXCHANGE OF NOTES WITH FRG CONCERNING THE EXCHANGE OF MILITARY ATTACHES IN RESPECTIVE CAPITALS. THE SOVIETS HAVE OFFERED TO PROVIDE A DRAFT OF SUCH AN EXCHANGE, WHICH BLECH SAID HIS AUTHORITIES EXPECT TO INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING POINTS: (A) AGREEMENT ON THE MILATT EXCHANGE; (B) SPECIFICATION OF THE STRENGTH AND COMPOSITION (I.E. DIPLOMATIC/TECHNICAL) OF THE STAFFS; (C) AGREEMENT TO ASSIST RECIPROCALLY IN PROVIDING ACCOMMODATION FOR THE MILATTS; AND (D) TIMING OF THE EXCHANGE.

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2. BLECH SAID HE THOUGHT THE EXCHANGE MIGHT TAKE PLACE TOWARD THE END OF 1973, BUT THAT THIS ASPECT OF THE MATTER WAS STILL UNCERTAIN. HE SAID HE WOULD REPORT FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS TO ALLIED REPS WHEN THEY BECOME AVAILABLE. ALLIED REPS STRESSED THEIR INTEREST IN BEING INFORMED PROMPTLY IN THAT THIS EXCHANGE OF ATTACHES HAD POSSIBLE IMPLICATIONS FOR THE ALLIED MLMS. BLECH SAID HE UNDERSTOOD THIS POINT, BUT NOTED THAT THE SOVIET ATTACHES WOULD PROBABLY FOCUS MORE ON THE BUNDESWEHR THAN ON THE OTHER ALLIED FORCES IN THE FRG WHICH HE ASSUMED WERE COVERED BY THE SOVIET MLMS. HE THUS THOUGHT THE SOVIET INTEREST IN MAINTAINING THE MLM SYSTEM WOULD CONTINUE UNDIMINISHED DESPITE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE FRG-SOVIET ATTACHE SYSTEM.
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